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Lesson: To Parents, Youth, Grandparents, relatives + friends & youth! 644.

THE THREE MISTAKES MOST MADE BY PARENTS TODAY

Basis of this Lesson: 4 sources of information.

- INT: 4. ● Article in "Challenge", a Rel. Mag. of June, '64, by F. W. Mattox, Harding, Lubbock.
3. ● Article in P. T. A. Magazine, June '64, by Kenneth Erickson; Supt. of Schools, Corvallis, Oregon.
"Parents who care -- More or Less."
2. ● Young Peoples Classes over the Southwest.
1. ● Bible; greatest text on happy living in world!
- LESSON: A life-situation sermon. Bible & Everyday living.
- THEME: 3 major mistakes being made by today's parents.

I. THINKING THAT A GOOD EXAMPLE ALONE WILL MAKE CHRISTIANS.

- God's Priests married! Zachariah!*
- A. Many parents (reared by strict parents) have done well and have relaxed the lives of their children.
1. Example, without instruction, like boat without oars.
2. Prov. 22:6 says: "Instruct" children. Deut. 11:18-21.
3. Eli & Samuel were good examples. I Sam. 2:12, 34.
✓ I Sam. 8:1-3. They did not "instruct" their boys.
- Ill. Houston family. 1st 2 kids did fine. 3rd became dope addict at 14 and in Fed. Cor, Ins. at 15.
4. "Too many children go along with what they know to be wrong -- in order to be popular." *Parents blind!*
- Conclusion: The finest EXAMPLE on earth is ineffectual without the precepts to balance it out. **BIBLE!**
- Ill. Lady came to preacher: "I came here to get comfort and consolation, and you give us this!" "Lady, remember, Jesus came to comfort the afflicted and and afflict the comfortable."

II. THINKING THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.

- Youth - Impulsive age!!*
- A. Today's vogue: Develop "self-reliance", "avoid repressed feeling", and "warp his personality".
1. This is a sham! Following line of least resistance & taking easy way out, and shunning responsibility.
- TRAIN!* B. Why scriptures: Prov. 22:6. Eph. 6:4. I Tim. 5:14.
- C. Children interpret excessive freedom as abandonment!!!
- D. P. T. A. Article: P. 25. WHAT FAMILY CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTE TO YOUTHS BECOMING POOR OR IRRESPONSIBLE CITIZENS? Answers given by youth themselves.
1. Give young people too much freedom and do not enforce the rules laid down for them.
2. Parents not home enough. 90% Houston. Plainview.
3. Letting kids do whatever they want to and having what ever they want. *That's dumb!*

Conclusion: Youth wants rules and be made to stay by ther

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III. THINKING THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE SHIELDED
FROM THE UNPLEASANT THINGS OF LIFE.

- A. This is impossible in first place. TV, radio, new
B. Desire based in Selfish Desire to keep children
small so can possess them longer. (Mattox, p. 13)
C. Telling them the raw truth prepares them for
emancipation from apron strings. A Right! Gen. 2:24.
D. QUOTATION: "If we parents and teachers would rear
good citizens (of kingdom too) who can make a
better world, we had better revive the old fashioned
virtues and values of truth, honesty, faith, high
morals, and personal responsibility. And we had
better teach them to our children. P. 27. P.T.A.

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E. QUOTATION: "If we would rear good citizens (of
the kingdom too) we need to care less about
possessions and personal pleasures. We need to
care more, and care deeply, about human beings,
family relations, moral values and religious
training." Exactly what God teaches. P. 27, P.T.A.

INV: Sum and Substance of Life is found in Ecc. 12:13-14.

- B-R-C-B.
R-P
1. If not a Christian, haven't found secret to
life and happiness. B-R-C-B.
2. If not faithful in Christian life, have lost
secret of life and happiness. R-P.
3. If not identified somewhere, likely not busy
in Christian duties, will soon lose zeal
and secret of life and happiness. Identify.

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John M. Chat
"Failed at being a bum!"

Lane Ogden

San Francisco

Valencia St. Calif.
Houses.

"Rules like prison
or concentration camp"

"Want discipline!"

5 Job Centers. "Notin is free"

1 High School

Desperate
Troubled

Dopers
alcoholics
Cons

Ex-Cons

Run aways